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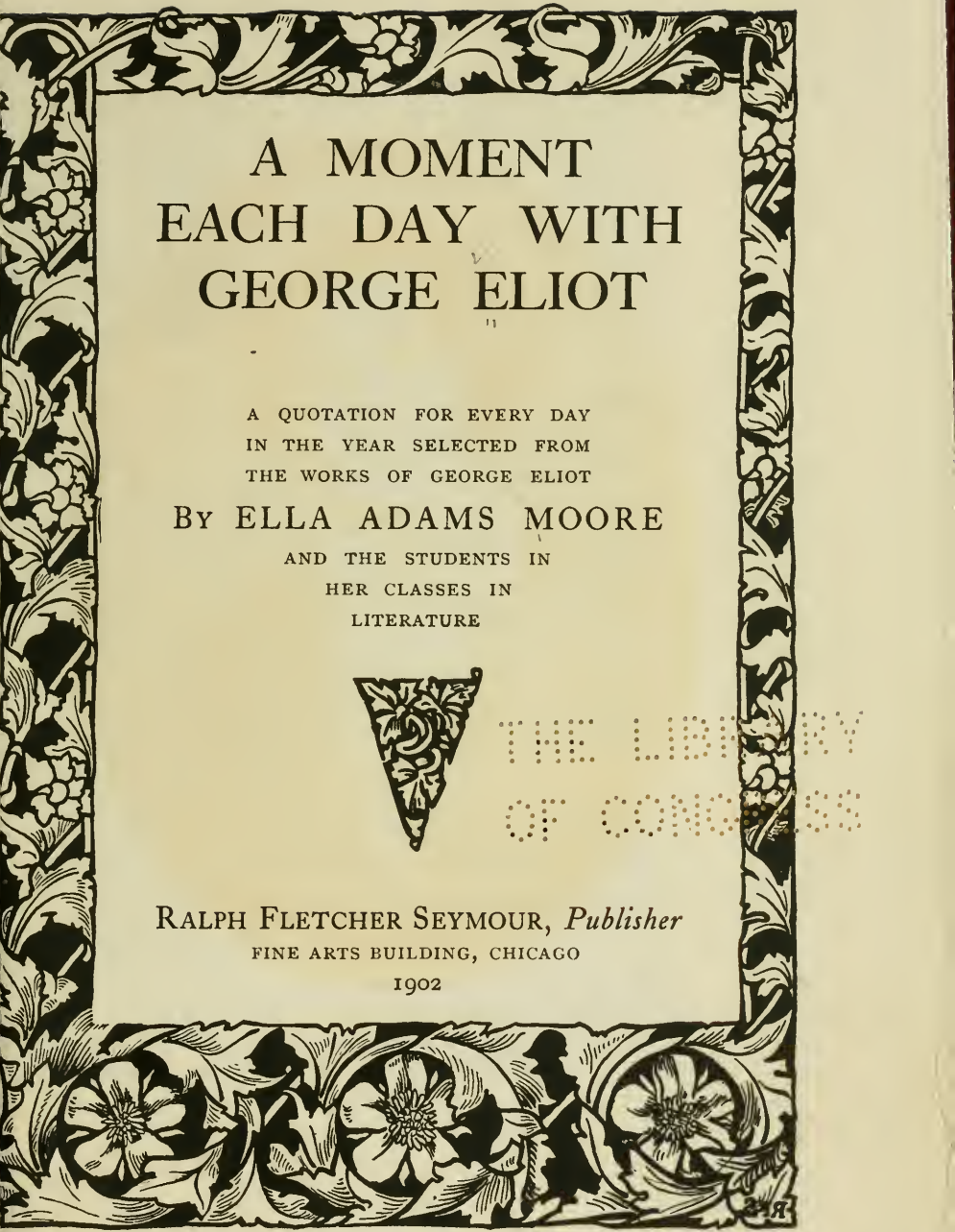




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GEORGE ELIOT AT 30.

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A QUOTATION FOR EVERY DAY
IN THE YEAR SELECTED FROM
THE WORKS OF GEORGE ELIOT

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January



HE time is great, what times are little? To the sentinel that hour is regal when he mounts on guard.—*Spanish Gypsy.*

2. It's well we should feel as life's a reckoning we can't make twice over; there's no real making amends in this world, any more nor you can mend a wrong subtraction by doing your addition right.—*Adam Bede.*

3. The golden moments in the stream of life rush past us, and we see nothing but sand; the angels come to visit us, and we only know them when they are gone.—*Janet's Repentance.*

4. Self-confidence is apt to address itself to an imaginary dullness in others.—*Daniel Deronda.*

5. Wise books for half the truths they hold are honored tombs.—*Spanish Gypsy.*

6. Nettle seed needs no digging.—*Middlemarch.*

7. Neighborly kindness is among those things that are the more precious the older they get.—*Adam Bede.*

January



LL preciousness to mortal hearts is guarded by a fear.—*Spanish Gypsy.*

9. Our guides, we pretend, must be sinless; as if those were not often the best teachers who only yesterday got corrected for their mistakes.—*Daniel Deronda.*

10. Our daily familiar life is but a hiding of ourselves from each other behind a screen of trivial words and deeds.—*Janet's Repentance.*

11. The happiest women, like the happiest nations, have no history.—*The Mill on the Floss.*

12. Commonness is its own security.—*Armgar.*

13. You must learn to deal with odd and even in life, as well as in figures.—*Adam Bede.*

14. The higher life must be a region in which the affections are clad with knowledge.—*Daniel Deronda.*

January



HERE are possibilities which our minds shrink from too completely for us to fear them.—*The Mill on the Floss.*

16. People say what they like to say, not what they have chapter and verse for.—*Middlemarch.*

17. The gods have a curse for him who willingly tells another the wrong road.—*Daniel Deronda.*

18. We are poor plants buoyed up by the air vessels of our own conceit.—*Amos Barton.*

19. The charm of fond words vanishes when one repeats them to the indifferent.—*Adam Bede.*

20. People who seem to enjoy their ill-temper have a way of keeping it in a fine condition by inflicting privations on themselves.—*The Mill on the Floss.*

21. Nature, that great tragic dramatist, knits us together by bone and muscle, and divides us by the subtler web of our brains; blends yearning and repulsion, and ties us by our heart-strings to the beings that jar us at every movement.—*Adam Bede.*

January



NE must be poor to know the luxury of giving.—*Middlemarch*.

23. I will to make life less bitter for a few within my reach.—*Felix Holt*.

24. That is a deep and wide saying, that no miracles can be wrought without faith—without the worker's faith in himself, as well as the recipient's faith in him.—*Amos Barton*.

25. Who shall put his finger on the work of justice and say, "It is there!" Justice is like the kingdom of God—it is not without us as a fact, it is within us as a great yearning.—*Romola*.

26. A pig may poke his nose into a trough and think o' nothing outside it; but if you've got a man's heart and soul in you, you can't be easy a-making your bed an' leaving the rest to lie on stones.—*Adam Bede*.

27. As soon as men found out they had more brains than oxen, they set the oxen to draw for them.—*Romola*.

28. Perhaps the wind wails so in winter for the summers dead, and all sad sounds are nature's funeral cries for what has been and is not.—*Spanish Gypsy*.

January



HE Highest speaks
through all our people's
voice,
Custom, tradition, and
old sanctities;
Or he reveals himself by
new decrees
Of inward certitude.—

Spanish Gypsy.

30. Do we not all agree to call rapid thought and noble impulse by the name of inspiration? After our subtlest analysis of the mental process, we must still say that our highest thoughts and our best deeds are all given to us.—*Adam Bede.*

31. Our mental business is carried on much in the same way as the business of the state: a great deal of hard work is done by agents who are not acknowledged.—*Adam Bede.*

February



NO man can begin to mould himself on a faith or an idea without rising to a higher order of experience.—*Janet's Repentance.*

2. It's always good to know, if only in passing, a charming human being—it refreshes one like flowers, and birds and clear brooks.—*Life and Letters.*

3. At the last moment there is always a reason not existing before—namely, the impossibility of further vacillation.—*Felix Holt.*

4. Love is natural; but surely pity and faithfulness and memory are natural too.—*The Mill on the Floss.*

5. The beings closest to us, whether in love or hate, are virtually often our interpreters of the world.—*Daniel Deronda.*

6. Deep, unspeakable suffering may well be called a baptism, a regeneration, the initiation into a new state.—*Adam Bede.*

7. The exhaustion consequent on violent emotion is apt to bring a dreamy disbelief in the reality of its cause.—*Romola.*

February



HAVE always been thinking of the different ways in which Cristianity is taught, and whenever I find one way that makes it a wider blessing than any other, I cling to that

as the truest.—*Middlemarch.*

9. Receptiveness is a rare and massive power, like fortitude.—*Daniel Deronda.*

10. All eyes can see when light flows out from God.—*The Legend of Jubal.*

11. The yoke a man creates for himself by wrong-doing will breed hate in the kindest nature.—*Silas Marner.*

12. What we call our despair, is often the painful eagerness of unfulfilled hope.—*Middlemarch.*

13. Old maids' husbands are al'ys well managed. If you was a wife you'd be as foolish as your betters, belike.—*Amos Barton.*

14. The repentance which cuts off all moorings to evil, demands something more than selfish fear.—*Romola.*

February



SOULS live on in perpetual echoes.—*Middlemarch*.

16. Better a wrong will than a wavering; better a steadfast enemy than an uncertain friend; better a false belief than no belief at all.—*Daniel Deronda*.

17. Thought
Has joys apart, even in blackest
woe,
And seizing some fine thread
of verity
Knows momentary godhead.
—*Spanish Gypsy*.

18. It's allays the way wi' them meek-faced people; you may's well pelt a bag o' feathers as talk to 'em.—*Adam Bede*.

19. To be right in great memorable moments, is perhaps the thing we need most desire for ourselves.—*Felix Holt*.

20. The fuller nature desires to be an agent, to create, and not merely to look on.—*Daniel Deronda*.

21. The terror of being judged sharpens the memory.—*Middlemarch*.

February



HAT prejudices will hold out against helplessness and broken prattle?—*Mr. Gilfil's Love Story.*

23. Oh the anguish of that thought that we can never atone to our dead for the stunted affection we gave them.—*Amos Barton.*

24. Royal deeds may make long destinies for multitudes.—*Spanish Gypsy.*

25. Time is like the sibylline leaves, getting more precious the less there remains of it.—*Life and Letters.*

26. Life itself may not express us all, may leave the worst and the best too, like tunes in mechanism never awaked.—*Spanish Gypsy.*

27. My life shall grow like trees both tall and fair that rise and spread and bloom toward fuller fruit each year.—*The Legend of Jubal.*

28. Cleanliness is sometimes a painful good, as anyone can vouch who has had his face washed the wrong way, by a pitiless hand with a gold ring on the third finger.—*Mr. Gilfil's Love Story.*

March



ACH woman creates in her own likeness the love-tokens that are offered to her.—*Romola*.

2. You make but a poor trap to catch luck if you go and bait it by wickedness.—*Adam Bede*.

3. Reverent love has a politeness of its own.—*Silas Marner*.

4. Life is not rounded in an epigram, and saying aught, we leave a world unsaid.—*Armgart*.

5. Our dead are never dead to us until we have forgotten them.—*Adam Bede*.

6. Hard speech between those who have loved is hideous in the memory, like the sight of greatness and beauty sunk into vice and rags.—*Romola*.

7. We have all of us considerable regard for our past self, and are not fond of casting reflections on that respected individual by a total negation of his opinions.—*Janet's Repentance*.

March



DEAS are often poor ghosts; our sun-filled eyes cannot discern them; they pass athwart us in thin vapor, and cannot make themselves felt.—*Janet's Repentance.*

9. Affection is the broadest basis of good in life.—*Daniel Deronda.*

10. There's a sort of wrong that can never be made up for.—*Adam Bede.*

11. The truth is the hardest missile one can be pelted with.—*Middlemarch.*

12. We have all our secret sins; and if we knew ourselves, we should not judge each other harshly.—*Mr. Gilfil's Love Story.*

13. So our lives glide on: the river ends, we don't know where, and the sea begins, and then there is no jumping ashore.—*Felix Holt.*

14. No good is certain, but the steadfast mind, the individual will to seek the good.—*Spanish Gypsy.*

March



E reap what we sow, but nature has love over and above that justice, and gives us shadow and blossom and fruit, that spring from no planting of ours.
—*Janet's Repentance.*

16. It takes very little water to make a perfect pool for a tiny fish.—*Romola.*

17. Ignorant power comes in the end to the same thing as wicked power; it makes misery.—*Felix Holt.*

18. A good solid bit o' work lasts; if it's only laying a floor down, somebody's the better for it being done well, besides the man as does it.—*Adam Bede.*

19. A woman should produce the effect of exquisite music.—*Middlemarch.*

20. For me 'tis what I love determines how I love.—*Spanish Gypsy.*

21. It is one thing to see your road, another to cut it.—*Daniel Deronda.*

March



It is not true that love makes all things easy: it makes us choose what is difficult.—*Felix Holt*.

23. There is a chill air surrounding those who are down in the world, and the people are glad to get away from them, as from a cold room.—*The Mill on the Floss*.

24. When we desire eagerly to find something, we are apt to search in hopeless places.—*Adam Bede*.

25. Net the large fish and you are sure to have the small fry.—*Amos Barton*.

26. Conscience is harder than our enemies, knows more, accuses with more nicety.—*Spanish Gypsy*.

27. Perfect love has a breath of poetry which can exalt the relations of the least-instructed human beings.—*Silas Marner*.

28. There is no hopelessness so sad as that of early youth, when the soul is made up of wants, and has no long memories, no super-added life in the life of others.—*The Mill on the Floss*.

April



HERE'S allays two 'pinions; there's the 'pinion a man has of himsen, and there's the 'pinion other folks have on him. There'd be two 'pinions about a cracked bell, if the bell could hear itself.—*Silas Marner*.

9. We hand folks over to God's mercy, and show none ourselves.—*Adam Bede*.

10. Among all the many kinds of first love, that which begins in childish companionship is the strongest and most enduring.—*Mr. Gilfil's Love Story*.

11. A passionate hate, as well as a passionate love, demands some leisure and mental freedom.—*Janet's Repentance*.

12. If you are to rule men, you must rule them through their own ideas.—*Daniel Deronda*.

13. You must love your work, and not be always looking over the edge of it, wanting your play to begin.—*Middlemarch*.

14. The best fire doesna flare up the soonest.—*Adam Bede*.

April



WHEN death, the great reconciler, has come, it is never our tenderness that we repent of, but our severity.—*Adam Bede*.

16. No great deed is done by falterers who ask for certainty.—*Spanish Gypsy*.

17. People who live at a distance are naturally less faulty than those immediately under our own eyes.—*The Mill on the Floss*.

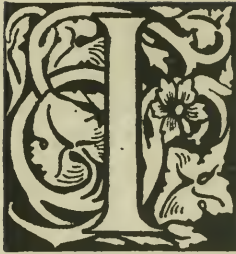
18. It is seldom that the miserable can help regarding their misery as a wrong inflicted by those who are less miserable.—*Silas Marner*.

19. Yes, yes; paternosters may shave clean, but they must be said over a good razor.—*Romola*.

20. Truth has rough flavors if we bite it through.—*Armgart*.

21. We can hardly learn humility and tenderness enough except by suffering.—*Mr. Gilfil's Love Story*.

April



T is a sad weakness in us, after all, that the thought of a man's death hallows him anew to us; as if life were not sacred too.—*Janet's Repentance.*

23. Perfect scheming demands omniscience.—*Romola.*

24. It's poor foolishness to run down your enemies.—*Adam Bede.*

25. The stronger thing is not to give up power, but to use it well.—*Middlemarch.*

26. The greatest gift the hero leaves his race, is to have been a hero.—*Spanish Gypsy.*

27. Love gives insight, and insight often gives foreboding.—*The Mill on the Floss.*

28. We are all of us born in moral stupidity, taking the world as an udder to feed our supreme selves.—*Middlemarch.*

April



SHEPPERTON CHURCH.



HERE is much pain that
is quite noiseless.—*Felix
Holt.*

30. If you could make a
pudding wi' thinking o'
the batter, it 'ud be easy
getting dinner.—*Adam*

Bede.

May



IF there is an angel who records the sorrows of men as well as their sins, he knows how many and deep are the sorrows that spring from false ideas for which no man is culpable.—*Silas Marner*.

2. The delicate-tendrilled plant must have something to cling to.—*Mr. Gilfil's Love Story*.

3. Iteration, like friction, is likely to generate heat instead of progress.—*The Mill on the Floss*.

4. That is the great advantage of dialogue on horseback; it can be merged any minute into a trot or a canter, and one might have escaped from Socrates himself in the saddle.—*Adam Bede*.

5. I think cheerfulness is a fortune in itself.—*Daniel Deronda*.

6. A man's own safety is a god that sometimes makes very grim demands.—*Romola*.

7. Don't let us rejoice in punishment, even when the hand of God alone inflicts it.—*Janet's Repentance*.



E may strive and scrat and fend, but it's little we can do arter all—the big things come and go wi' no striving o' our'n. — *Silas Marner*.

9. The running brook is na athirst for th' rain.—*Adam Bede*.

10. Whenever an artist has been able to say, "I came, I saw, I conquered," it has been at the end of patient practice.—*Daniel Deronda*.

11. One of the tortures of jealousy is, that it can never turn away its eyes from the thing that pains it.—*Mr. Gilfil's Love Story*.

12. I believe that people are almost always better than their neighbors think they are.—*Middlemarch*.

13. I choose to walk high with sublimer dread rather than crawl in safety.—*Armgart*.

14. The tale of the Divine Pity was never yet believed from lips that were not felt to be moved by human pity.—*Janet's Repentance*.



INGLED seed must bear a mingled crop.—*The Mill on the Floss.*

16. So much of our early gladness vanishes utterly from our memory: but the first glad moments in our first love is a vision which returns to us to the last.—*Adam Bede.*

17. Love comes to cancel all ancestral hate, subdues all heritage, proves that in mankind union is deeper than division.—*Spanish Gypsy.*

18. There is no killing the suspicion that deceit has once begotten.—*Romola.*

19. What do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult to each other?—*Middlemarch.*

20. Man thinks brutes have no wisdom, since they know not his.—*Spanish Gypsy.*

21. There's things to put up wi' in ivery place, an' you may change an' change an' not better yourself when all's said an' done.—*Janet's Repentance.*



T'S 'easy finding reasons why other folks should be patient.—*Adam Bede*.

23. In the love of a brave and faithful man there is always a strain of maternal tenderness.—

Mr. Gilfil's Love Story.

24. The effective accident is but the touch of fire where there is oil and tow.—*Middlemarch*.

25. It's like the night and the morning, and the sleeping and the waking, and the rain and the harvest—one goes and the other comes and we know nothing how nor where.—*Silas Marner*.

26. I hate your epigrams and pointed saws whose narrow truth is but broad falsity.—*Armgart*.

27. Experience differs for different people. We don't all wince at the same things.—*Daniel Deronda*.

28. Fighting for dear life men choose their swords for cutting only, not for ornament.—*Spanish Gypsy*.



LWAYS there is seed being sown silently and unseen, and every where there come sweet flowers without our foresight or labor.—*Janet's Repentance.*

30. In old days there were angels who came and took men by the hand and led them away from the city of destruction. We see no white-winged angels now. But yet men are led away from threatening destruction: a hand is put into theirs, which leads them forth gently towards a calm and bright land, so that they look no more backward; and the hand may be a little child's.—*Silas Marner.*

31. I think all lines of the human face have something either touching or grand, unless they seem to come from low passions.—*Romola.*

June



THE first sense of mutual love excludes other feelings; it will have the soul all to itself.—*Adam Bede.*

2. There are natures in which, if they love us, we are conscious of having a sort of baptism and consecration.—*Middlemarch.*

3. It is mere cowardice to seek safety in negations.—*The Mill on the Floss.*

4. Strong souls live like fire-hearted suns to spend their strength in farthest striving action; breathe more free in mighty anguish than in trivial ease.—*Spanish Gypsy.*

5. Them as ha' never had a cushion don't miss it.—*Adam Bede.*

6. Errors look so very ugly in persons of small means—one feels they are taking quite a liberty in going astray.—*Janet's Repentance.*

7. Our deeds are like children that are born to us; they live and act apart from our own will.—*Romola.*

June



HERE are conditions under which the most majestic person is obliged to sneeze.—*Middlemarch*.

9. Any coward can fight a battle when he's sure of winning; but give me the man who has pluck to fight when he's sure of losing.—*Janet's Repentance*.

10. Trouble makes us treat all who feel with us, very much alike.—*Adam Bede*.

11. A mother dreads no memories—those shadows have all melted away in the dawn of baby's smile.—*Mr. Gilfil's Love Story*.

12. The thing we look forward to often comes to pass, but never precisely in the way we have imagined to ourselves.—*Amos Barton*.

13. There is no kind of conscious obedience that is not an advance on lawlessness.—*Romola*.

14. I couldn't live in peace if I put the shadow of a wilful sin between myself and God.—*The Mill on the Floss*.

June



SUPPRESSED resolve will betray itself in the eyes.—*The Mill on the Floss.*

16. Pre-eminence is sweet to those who love it, even under mediocre circumstances. Perhaps it was

not quite mythical that a slave has been proud to be bought first.—*Daniel Deronda.*

17. Wherever affection can spring, it is like the green leaf and the blossom—pure, and breathing purity, whatever soil it may grow in.—*Romola.*

18. Many an irritating fault, many an unlovely oddity, has come of a hard sorrow.—*Mr. Gilfil's Love Story.*

19. There is a wonderful amount of sustenance in the first few words of love.—*Amos Barton.*

20. Prudence is but conceit hoodwinked by ignorance.—*Spanish Gypsy.*

21. The soul without still helps the soul within, and its deft magic ends what we begin.—*The Legend of Jubal.*

June



LD men's eyes are like old men's memories; they are strongest for things a long way off.—*Romola*.

23. No soul is desolate as long as there is a human being for whom it can feel trust and reverence.—*Romola*.

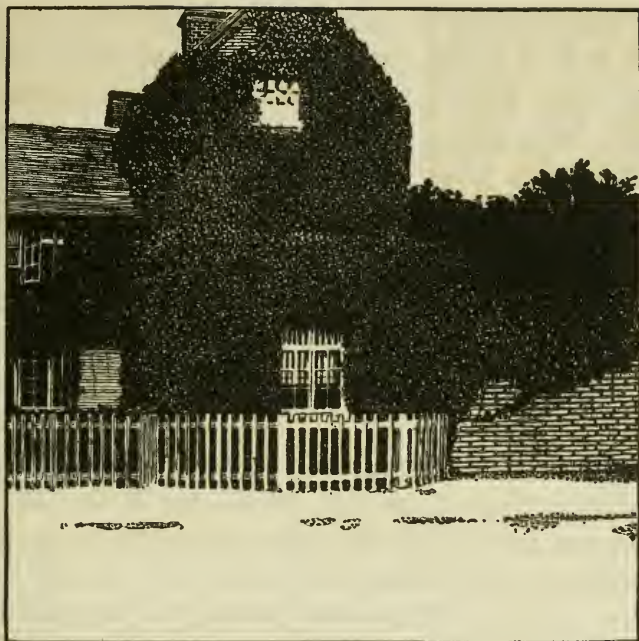
24. The devil tempts us not—'tis we tempt him.—*Felix Holt*.

25. There's no blameless life save for the passionless.—*Spanish Gypsy*.

26. Much grain is wasted in the world and rots; why not thy handful?—*Armgart*.

27. One's self-satisfaction is an un-taxed kind of property which it is very unpleasant to find depreciated.—*Middlemarch*.

28. We shall all on us be dead some time, I reckon; it 'ud be better if folks 'ud make much on us beforehand i'stid o' beginnin' when we're gone. It's but little good you'll do a-watering the last year's crop.—*Adam Bede*.



GRIFF HOUSE—"THE WARM LITTLE NEST WHERE
HER AFFECTIONS WERE FLEDGED."



SIMPLY declare my determination not to feed on the broth of literature when I can get the strong soup.—*Life and Letters*.

30. Sephardo: Resolve will melt no rocks. Don Silva: But it can scale them.—*Spanish Gypsy*.

July



WE could never have loved the earth so well if we had had no childhood in it.—*The Mill on the Floss.*

2. Nothing is so good as it seems beforehand.—*Silas Marner.*

3. College mostly makes people like bladders—just good for nothing but t' hold the stuff as is poured into 'em.—*Adam Bede.*

4. There has been no great people without processions, and the man who thinks himself too wise to be moved by them to anything but contempt, is like the puddle that was proud of standing alone while the river rushed by.—*Felix Holt.*

5. Susceptible persons are more affected by a change of tone than by unexpected words.—*Adam Bede.*

6. Honey's not sweet, commended as cathartic.—*Spanish Gypsy.*

7. There are answers which, in turning away wrath, only send it to the other end of the room.—*Middlemarch.*

July



T'S a small joke sets men laughing when they sit staring at one another with a pipe i' their mouths.
—*Adam Bede*.

9. In the ages since Adam's marriage, it has been good for some men to be alone, and for some women also.—*Felix Holt*.

10. The gods of the hearth exist for us still; and let all new faith be tolerant of that fetishism, lest it bruise its own roots.—*Silas Marner*.

11. The power of being quiet carries a man well through moments of embarrassment.—*Daniel Deronda*.

12. There are men whose presence infuses trust and reverence.—*Romola*.

13. The best intent grasps but a living present which may grow like any unfledged bird.—*Armgart*.

14. In moments high space widens in the soul.—*Spanish Gypsy*.

July



ORE helpful than all wisdom, is one draught of simple human pity, that will not forsake us.—*The Mill on the Floss.*

16. The homage of a man may be delightful until he asks straight for love, by which a woman renders homage.—*Felix Holt.*

17. Watch your own speech, and notice how it is guided by your less conscious purposes.—*The Mill on the Floss.*

18. Thee mustna undervally prayer. Prayer mayna bring money, but it brings us what no money can buy.—*Adam Bede.*

19. Every man's work, pursued steadily, tends to become an end in itself, and so to bridge over the loveless chasms of his life.—*Silas Marner.*

20. The human soul is hospitable, and will entertain conflicting sentiments and contradictory opinions with much impartiality.—*Romola.*

21. Hatred is like fire—it makes even light rubbish deadly.—*Janet's Repentance.*

July



It is the way with half the truth amidst which we live, that it only haunts us and makes dull pulsations that are never born into sound.—*Romola*.

23. There is a power in the direct glance of a sincere and loving human soul, which will do more to dissipate prejudice and kindle charity than the most elaborate arguments.—*Janet's Repentance*.

24. There's no rule so wise but what it's a pity for somebody or other.—*Adam Bede*.

25. Perhaps some of the most terrible irony of the human lot is this of a deep truth coming to be uttered by lips that have no right to it.—*Felix Holt*.

26. There is no feeling, perhaps, except the extremes of fear and grief, that does not find relief in music—that does not make a man sing or play the better.—*The Mill on the Floss*.

27. The deepest hunger of a faithful heart is faithfulness.—*Spanish Gypsy*.

28. One morsel's as good as another when your mouth's out o' taste.—*Adam Bede*.

July



Y desiring what is perfectly good, even when we don't quite know what it is and cannot do what we would, we are part of the divine power against evil—widening the skirts of light and making the struggle with darkness narrower.—*Middlemarch*.

30. A foreman, if he's got a conscience, and delights in his work, will do his business as well as if he was a partner. I wouldn't give a penny for a man as 'ud drive a nail in slack because he didn't get extra pay for it.—*Adam Bede*.

31. It has been so with rulers, emperors, nay, sages who hold secrets of great Time, sharing his hoary and beneficent life—men who sate throned among the multitudes—they have sore sickened at the loss of one.—*Spanish Gypsy*.

August



VERY bond of your life is a debt.—*Romola*.

2. I like to read about Moses best, in th' Old Testament. He carried a hard business well through, and died when other folks were going to reap the fruits.

—*Adam Bede*.

3. Was there ever a young lady or gentleman not ready to give up an unspecified indulgence for the sake of the favorite one specified?—*Daniel Deronda*.

4. The saints were cowards who stood by to see Christ crucified: they should have flung themselves upon the Roman spears, and died in vain—the grandest death, to die in vain—for love greater than sways the forces of the world!—*Spanish Gypsy*.

5. There's nothing but what's bearable as long as a man can work.—*Adam Bede*.

6. When a man gets a good berth, half the deserving must come after.—*Middlemarch*.

7. Ignorance is not so damnable as humbug, but when it prescribes pills it may happen to do more harm.—*Felix Holt*.

August



O man can be wise on an empty stomach.—*Adam Bede.*

9. There is a great deal of unmapped country within us which would have to be taken into account in an explanation of our gusts and storms.—*Daniel Deronda.*

10. What we call illusions are often, in truth, a wider vision of past and present realities.—*Felix Holt.*

11. Often the soul is ripened into fuller goodness while age has spread an ugly film, so that mere glances can never divine the preciousness of the fruit.—*Silas Marner.*

12. Mrs. Tulliver, as we have seen, was not without influence over her husband. No woman is; she can always incline him to do either what she wishes, or the reverse.—*The Mill on the Floss.*

13. The years deepen the value of our past to us, and of our friends who are a part of that past.—*Life and Letters.*

14. It is very pleasant to see some men turn round; pleasant as a sudden rush of warm air in winter, or the flash of firelight in the chill dusk.—*Daniel Deronda.*

August



EANIN' goes but a little way i' most things, for you may mean to stick things together and your glue may be bad, and then where are you?—*Silas Marner.*

16. The presence of a noble nature, generous in its wishes, ardent in its charity, changes the light for us.—*Middlemarch.*

17. The very truth hath a color from the disposition of the utterer.—*Felix Holt.*

18. There's many a good bit o' work done with a sad heart.—*Adam Bede.*

19. What makes life dreary is the want of motive.—*Middlemarch.*

20. Childhood has no forebodings; but then, it is soothed by no memories of outlived sorrow.—*The Mill on the Floss.*

21. I will not feed on doing great
tasks ill,
Dull the world's sense with
mediocrity,
And live by thrash that smothers
excellence.—*Armstrong.*

August



HE reward of one duty is the power to fulfil another—so said Ben Azai.—*Daniel Deronda*.

23. If a prophet is to keep his power he must be a prophet like Mohammed, with an army at his back, that when the people's faith is fainting it may be frightened into life again.—*Romola*.

24. Resignation is the willing endurance of a pain that is not allayed.—*The Mill on the Floss*.

25. One likes a "beyond" everywhere.—*Felix Holt*.

26. It seems as if them as aren't wanted here are th' only folks as aren't wanted i' th' other world.—*Adam Bede*.

27. Youth thinks itself the goal of
each old life;
Age has but travelled from a
far-off time
Just to be ready for youth's
service.—*Armgart*.

28. Our words have wings, but fly not where we would.—*Spanish Gypsy*.

August



T allays comes into my head when I'm sorry for folks, and feel as I can't do a power to help 'em, not if I was to get up i' the middle o' the night—it comes into my head as

Them above has got a deal tenderer heart nor what I've got—for I can't be any-ways better nor Them as made me.—
Silas Marner.

30. One of the lessons a woman most rarely learns, is never to talk to an angry or a drunken man.—*Adam Bede.*

31. I can't abide to see men throw away their tools i' that way, the minute the clock begins to strike, as if they took no pleasure i' their work, and was afraid o' doing a stroke too much . . . I hate to see a man's arms drop down as if he was shot, before the clock's fairly struck, just as if he'd never a bit o' pride and delight in's work. The very grindstone 'ull go on turning a bit after you loose it.—
Adam Bede.

September



N inborn passion gives a rebel's right.—*Armgart.*

2. We look at the one little woman's face we love, as we look at the face of our mother earth, and see all sorts of answers to our own yearnings.—*Adam Bede.*

3. The blessed work of helping the world forward, happily does not wait to be done by perfect men.—*Janet's Repentance.*

4. It's a feeling as gives you a sort o' liberty, as if you could walk more fearless, when you've more trust in another than y' have in yourself.—*Adam Bede.*

5. Love has a way of cheating itself consciously, like a child who plays at solitary hide-and-seek; it is pleased with assurances that it all the while disbelieves.—*Adam Bede.*

6. I say not that compromise is unnecessary, but it is an evil attendant on our imperfection.—*Felix Holt.*

7. When gratitude has become a matter of reasoning, there are many ways of escaping from its bonds.—*Middlemarch.*

September



DEEP, unspeakable suffering may well be called a baptism, a regeneration, the initiation into a new state.—*Adam Bede*.

9. The shallowness of a water-nixie's soul may have a charm until she becomes didactic.—*Middlemarch*.

10. I'm not denyin' the women are foolish: God Almighty made 'em to match the men.—*Adam Bede*.

11. Excellence encourages one about life generally; it shows the spiritual wealth of the world.—*Daniel Deronda*.

12. Men who are sour at missing
larger game
May wing a chattering sparrow
for revenge.—*Spanish Gypsy*.

13. Speech is often barren; but silence also does not necessarily brood over a full nest.—*Felix Holt*.

14. Souls have complexions too: what will suit one will not suit another.—*Middlemarch*.

September



EMESIS is lame, but she is of colossal stature, like the gods.—*Janet's Repentance.*

16. Poor relations are undeniably irritating—their existence is so entirely uncalled for on our part.—*The Mill on the Floss.*

17. In the man whose childhood has known caresses there is always a fibre of memory that can be touched to gentle issues.—*Janet's Repentance.*

18. In God's war slackness is infamy.—*Spanish Gypsy.*

19. A man with a definite will and an energetic personality acts as a sort of flag to draw and bind together the foolish units of a mob.—*Felix Holt.*

20. With the sinking of high human trust, the dignity of life sinks too.—*Romola.*

21. Great love has many attributes, and shrines for varied worshippers.—*Spanish Gypsy.*

September



HERE are glances of hatred that stab and raise no cry of murder.—*Felix Holt.*

23. Who can tell what just criticisms Murr the Cat may be passing on us

beings of wider speculation?—*Middlemarch.*

24. It is a great gift of the gods to be born with a hatred and contempt of all injustice and meanness.—*Romola.*

25. Let us bind love with duty: for duty is the love of law; and law is the nature of the Eternal.—*Daniel Deronda.*

26. I own no love but such as guards my honor.—*Spanish Gypsy.*

27. A patronizing disposition always has its meaner side.—*Adam Bede.*

28. A loving woman's world lies within the four walls of her own home.—*Amos Barton.*

September



HAT greater thing is there for two human souls, than to feel that they are joined for life—to strengthen each other in all labor, to rest on each other in all sorrow, to minister to each other in all pain, to be one with each other in silent unspeakable memories at the moment of the last parting?
—*Adam Bede.*

30. See the difference between the impression a man makes on you when you walk by his side in familiar talk, or look at him in his home, and the figure he makes when seen from a lofty historical level, or even in the eyes of a critical neighbor, who thinks of him as an embodied system or opinion rather than as a man.—*Adam Bede.*



MILLY BARTON'S COTTAGE.

October



UT how will you find good? It is not a thing of choice: it is a river that flows from the foot of the Invisible Throne, and flows by the path of obedience.—*Romola*.

2. It is a vain thought to flee from the work that God appoints us.—*Adam Bede*.

3. A woman, let her be as good as she may, has got to put up with the life her husband makes for her.—*Middlemarch*.

4. I know the dancin's nonsense; but if you stick at everything because it's nonsense, you wonna go far i' this life.—*Adam Bede*.

5. A bachelor's children are always young: they're immortal children—always lisping, waddling, helpless, and with a chance of turning out good.—*Felix Holt*.

6. Worldly faces never look so worldly as at a funeral.—*Janet's Repentance*.

7. We can set a watch over our affections and our constancy as we can over other treasures.—*Middlemarch*.

October



MAKE it a virtue to be content with my middlingness; it is always pardonable, so that one does not ask others to take it for superiority.—*Daniel Deronda.*

9. No man is matriculated to the art of life until he has been well tempted.—*Romola.*

10. Language is a stream that is almost sure to smack of a mingled soil.—*Silas Marner.*

11. There are things we must renounce in life; some of us must resign love.—*The Mill on the Floss.*

12. "Ignorance", says Ajax, "is a painless evil"; so, I should think, is dirt, considering the merry faces that go along with it.—*Mr. Gilfil's Love Story.*

13. Our deeds determine us, as much as we determine our deeds.—*Adam Bede.*

14. Signs are small measurable things, but interpretations are illimitable.—*Middlemarch.*

October



WE are pitifully in subjection to all sorts of vanity—even the very vanities we are practically renouncing.—*Felix Holt.*

16. Every man, who is not a monster, a mathematician, or a mad philosopher, is the slave of some woman or other.—*Amos Barton.*

17. The soul of man when it gets fairly rotten will bear you all sorts of poisonous toadstools.—*Middlemarch.*

18. We are very much indebted to such a linking of events as makes a doubtful action look wrong.—*Felix Holt.*

19. I will seek nothing but to shun base joy.—*Spanish Gypsy.*

20. There is no sense of ease like the ease we felt in those scenes where we were born.—*The Mill on the Floss.*

21. Human feeling is like the mighty rivers that bless the earth; it does not wait for beauty—it flows with resistless force, and brings beauty with it.—*Adam Bede.*

October



ALF the sorrows of women would be averted if they could repress the speech they know to be useless—nay, the speech they have resolved not to utter.—*Felix Holt*.

23. Scepticism, as we know, can never be thoroughly applied, else life would come to a stand-still.—*Middlemarch*.

24. There's more of odd than even
in this world.

Else pretty sinners would not be
let off

Sooner than ugly.—*Spanish Gypsy*.

25. I have nothing to say again'
Craig, on'y it's a pity he couldna be
hatched o'er again, an' hatched different.
—*Adam Bede*.

26. It is possible to have a strong self-love without any self-satisfaction, rather with a self-discontent which is the more intense because one's own little core of egoistic sensibility is a supreme care.
—*Daniel Deronda*.

27. Among all forms of mistake, prophecy is the most gratuitous.—*Middlemarch*.

28. Falsehood is so easy, truth so difficult.—*Adam Bede*.

October



LOVE does not aim simply at the conscious good of the beloved object; it is not satisfied without perfect loyalty of heart; it aims at its own completeness.—*Romola*.

30.

Thoughts

That nourish us to magnanimity
Grow perfect with more perfect
utterance,
Gathering full-shapen strength.

—*Spanish Gypsy*.

31. The strength of the donkey mind lies in adopting a course inversely as the arguments urged, which, well considered, requires as great a mental force as the direct sequence.—*Adam Bede*.

November



HERE is always a stronger sense of life when the sun is brilliant after rain.—*Adam Bede.*

2. Animals are such agreeable friends—they ask no questions, they pass no criticisms.—*Mr. Gilfil's Love Story.*

3. She who willingly lifts up the veil of her married life has profaned it from a sanctuary into a vulgar place.—*Romola.*

4. There's debts we can't pay like money debts, by paying extra for the years that have slipped by.—*Silas Marner.*

5. Blows are sarcasms turned stupid: wit is a form of force that leaves the limbs at rest.—*Felix Holt.*

6. Dear me! Why will people take so much pains to find out evil about others?—*Amos Barton.*

7. A feeling of revenge is not worth much, that you should care to keep it.—*The Mill on the Floss.*

November



VEN a wise man generally lets some folly ooze out of him in his will.—*Daniel Deronda*.

9. I suppose all phrases of mere compliment have their turn to be true. A man is occasionally grateful when he says “thank you.”—*The Mill on the Floss*.

10. I would change with nobody, madam. And if troubles were put up to market, I’d sooner buy old than new. It’s something to have seen the worst.—*Felix Holt*.

11. It is a wonderful subduer—this need of love.—*The Mill on the Floss*.

12. A diffident man likes the idea of doing something remarkable, which will create belief in him without any immediate display of brilliancy.—*Felix Holt*.

13. By being contemptible we set men’s minds to the tune of contempt.—*Middlemarch*.

14. There’s nothing like settling with ourselves as there’s a deal we must do without i’ this life. It’s no use looking on life as if it was Treddles’on fair, where folks only go to see shows and get fairings.—*Adam Bede*.

November



YOU'RE mighty fond o'
Craig; but, for my part,
I think he's welly like a
cock as thinks the sun's
rose o' purpose to hear
him crow.—*Adam Bede.*

16. The right word is
always a power, and communicates its
definiteness to our action.—*Middlemarch.*

17. O the anguish of the thought that
we can never atone to our dead for the
stinted affection we gave them.—*Amos
Barton.*

18. The higher life begins for us, my
daughter, when we renounce our own
will to bow before a divine law.—*Romola.*

19. Blessed is the man who, having
nothing to say, abstains from giving us
wordy evidence of the fact.—*Theophrastus
Such.*

20. Constancy in mistake is constant
folly.—*Felix Holt.*

21. 'Tis a vile life that like a garden
pool
Lies stagnant in the round of
personal loves.

—*Spanish Gypsy.*

November



IF you want to slip into a round hole, you must make a ball of yourself.—*The Mill on the Floss*.

23. Particular lies may speak a general truth.—*Spanish Gypsy*.

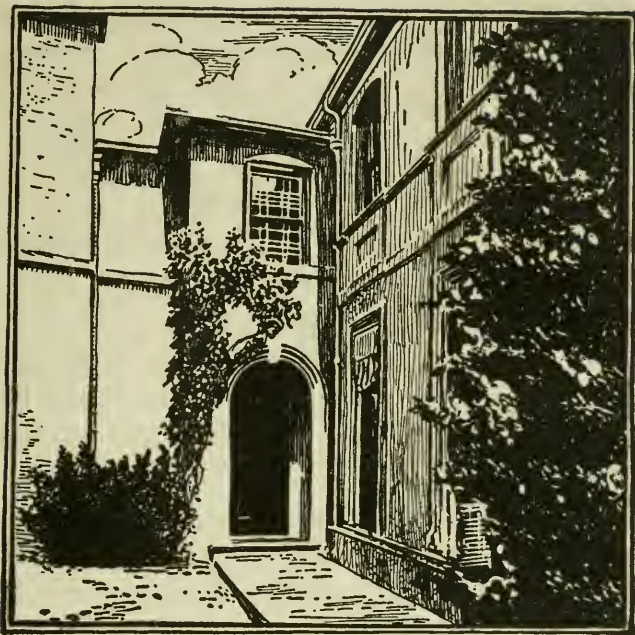
24. A mother's love, I often say, is like a tree that has got all the wood in it, from the very first it made.—*Daniel Deronda*.

25. Necessity does the work of courage.—*Romola*.

26. A woman's lot is made for her by the love she accepts.—*Felix Holt*.

27. I'd rether given ten shillin' an' help a man to stand on his own legs, nor pay half-a-crown to buy him a parish crutch.—*Janet's Repentance*.

28. Breed is stronger than pasture.—*Silas Marner*.



GEORGE ELIOT'S STUDY WINDOW IN COVENTRY.



LIFE never seems so clear and easy as when the heart is beating faster at the sight of some generous self-risking deed.
—*Romola*.

30. It's poor eating where the flavor o' the meat lies i' the cruets. There's folks as make bad butter, and trusten to the salt t' hide it.—*Adam Bede*.

December



THINGS are achieved when they are well begun. The perfect archer calls the deer his own While yet the shaft is whistling.

—*Spanish Gypsy.*

2. Energetic natures, strong for all strenuous deeds, will often rush away from a hopeless sufferer, as if they were hard-hearted. It is the over-mastering sense of pain that drives them.—*Adam Bede.*

3. Notions and scruples are like spilled needles, making one afraid of treading, or sitting down, or even eating.—*Middlemarch.*

4. Human longings are perversely obstinate; and to the man whose mouth is watering for a peach, it is of no use to offer the largest vegetable marrow.—*Mr. Gilfil's Love Story.*

5. I enter into no plots, but I never forsake my colors.—*Romola.*

6. Under protracted ill every living creature will find something that makes a comparative ease.—*Felix Holt.*

7. I measure men's dullness by the devices they trust in for deceiving others.—*Romola.*

December



STRONG love hungers to bless and not merely to behold blessing.—*Daniel Deronda*.

9. I think half those priggish maxims about human nature in the lump are no more to be relied on than universal remedies. There are different sorts of human nature.—*Felix Holt*.

10. The man who awakes the wondering tremulous passion of a young girl always thinks her affectionate.—*Adam Bede*.

11. In marriage, the certainty, "She will never love me much," is easier to bear, than the fear, "I shall love her no more."—*Middlemarch*.

12. It is the lot of every man who has to speak for the satisfaction of the crowd, that he must often speak in virtue of yesterday's faith, hoping it will come back to-morrow.—*Romola*.

13. There's folks 'ud hold a sieve under the pump and expect to carry away the water.—*Adam Bede*.

14. Surely, surely the only true knowledge of our fellowman is that which enables us to feel with him.—*Janet's Repentance*.

December



DESPAIR no more leans on others than perfect contentment.—*Adam Bede.*

16. Certainly the mistakes that we male and female mortals make when we have our own way might fairly raise some wonder that we are so fond of it.—*Middlemarch.*

17. To have in general but little feeling seems to be the only security against feeling too much on any particular occasion.—*Middlemarch.*

18. There's no pleasure i' living if you're to be corked up for iver, and only dribble your mind out by the sly, like a leaky barrel.—*Adam Bede.*

19. Our lives make a moral tradition for our individual selves, as the life of mankind at large makes a moral tradition for the race; and to have once acted greatly seems a reason why we should always be noble.—*Romola.*

20. In love's spring all good seems possible.—*Spanish Gypsy.*

21. It is always chilling, in friendly intercourse, to say you have no opinion to give.—*The Mill on the Floss.*

December



FROM the British point of view masculine beauty is regarded very much as it is in the drapery business:—as good solely for the fancy department—for young noblemen, artists, poets, and the clergy.—*Felix Holt*.

23. “O may I join the choir
invisible,
Of those immortal dead who
live again
In minds made better by their
presence.—*Poem*.

24. An old friend is not always the person whom it is easiest to make a confident of.—*Middlemarch*.

25. Examine your words well, and you will find that even when you have no motive to be false, it is a very hard thing to say the exact truth.—*Adam Bede*.

26. There are moments when our passions speak and decide for us, and we seem to stand by and wonder.—*Romola*.

27. A great idea is an eagle's egg, craves time for hatching.—*Stradivarius*.

28. Were another childhood-world
my share,
I would be born a little sister
there.—*Brother and Sister*.



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